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BY THE PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

Victims Were Employed at Railway Construction Camp—Dr. Bryce Visiting the West.

Kewatin, Ont., Jan. 23.—Three men were killed and four injured by premature explosion of dynamite at Peterson's construction camp on the C. P. R. six miles west of here this afternoon. The killed and injured were all Swedes.

Health Officer's Trip.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—Dr. P. H. Bryce, Dominion health officer of Ottawa, was in the city yesterday on his way to Vancouver. Dr. Bryce is going there to take over the new detention hospital that has been erected by the C. P. R. The new hospital is for the purpose of quarantining all emigrants, and will have a capacity for 100. The building was erected by the railway company, and on February 1st will be taken over by the Dominion government. Dr. Bryce will go on to Victoria, and expects to be away a month on an inspection tour.

Destructive Blaze.

Blairmore, Jan. 23.—Fire, which was probably started by a tramp, last night, destroyed F. Grandjean's warehouse; Marcus & M. Ross' stores; D. C. Drain's hotel and Potter's store. Marcus' loss is \$5,000, with \$3,000 insurance; M. Ross' loss is \$2,000, insurance; D. C. Drain's loss is \$9,000, insurance \$4,000. The entire town had a narrow escape.

Conservative Convention.

Carberry, Man., Jan. 23.—The provincial Conservative convention concluded its sessions here to-day. Among the resolutions adopted was one expressing confidence in Mr. Borden, an other asking for free rural mail delivery wherever practicable and public control of public utilities.

Basketball.

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 23.—Lethbridge defeated Calgary in a basketball match held yesterday by score of 13 to 1, before 800 people. The weather was simply perfect, the thermometer registering 53 above.

A Centennial.

Algoma, Man., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Henry Argue, one of the pioneers of this district, will have her 80th birthday August next. She has lived in three centuries and under five sovereigns.

Tariff Commission.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 23.—The tariff commission met here to-day. Halifax interests ask that the preferential tariff be amended as only to apply to goods imported into Canada via Canadian ports. They also ask that a bounty of \$4 per ton be paid upon shipping constructed; and a bounty was asked for the production of iron ore. It being alleged that if this were granted large areas would be developed in Nova Scotia.

Inhaled Coal Gas.

Brockville, Jan. 23.—While sleeping, the family of W. Thompson, a farmer living adjacent to Cardinal, inhaled coal gas from a defective stove. The first to awaken was barely able to open the window. He aroused the others, some of whom are very ill. All re-

SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF TRADE

PROTECTION OF LIFE ALONG WEST COAST

**Resolutions of Citizens Meeting Adopted
and Special Committee Appointed
For Prompt Action.**

A special meeting of the board of trade was held last evening, being summoned to consider means for providing better protection on the West Coast, and also the steamship service on Puget Sound. There was a large attendance, and shortly after 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by President Paterson.

C. H. Lugin explained the proceedings by referring to the recent wreck of the Valencia, and said that it had been suggested to him that a vessel should cruise off Flattery, and be prepared to render assistance in case of need. For certain periods of the year fog and bad weather prevailed, and under such circumstances he thought that the governments of the United States and Canada should take such action, and this immediately. As to telegraphy, he said that since the recent wreck, the telegraph company were taking action, and no later than coming to the meeting he had been apprised by a telegraph representative that a better service would be established. Experienced mariners had assured him that it was possible to improve matters as at present. As to inspection of vessels he believed that such examination as given at present was of a most precautionary character. As to the Clallam disaster, it had been proved that the life buoys, boats, etc., particularly an improvement in the fog horn at Cape Beale was needed. As to the proposed trail, it would call for a very heavy expenditure. There were points along the proposed route where linemen of the telegraph system had to pass over ravines in a basket from side to side.

Capt. Cox moved that a committee be appointed consisting of the harbor and navigation committee of the board with power to add to their number, and that they report at their earliest possible convenience.

J. H. Shallcross suggested that the subject be pressed and pressed without delay. There were too many wrecks on the coast, and too much time lost in preliminaries.

Mr. Lugin suggested that the Merchant Service Guild be invited to lend their services.

Elliot S. Howe suggested that the resolution of the public meeting be adopted as passed on Friday evening last.

The secretary by request read the resolution as passed at the meeting in question, and published in the Times. That vessel were not at all what they should be. Men who would pass such an equipment as that proved to exist on the Clallam would pass anything. A more satisfactory examination was necessary if the lives of passengers were to be preserved. On the point of guards, these were pronounced as defective. Boat drill was also reported to him as defective, especially on vessels on the United States registry. He had seen this drill, but it was a farce. The men were not trained to much more than lowering the boats, and this was not a practical demonstration of their ability in the case of actual emergency.

H. D. Helmcken thought the best thing to do was to pass a resolution approving of that adopted at the public meeting of the 26th inst.

Capt. Prior suggested that they should hear from seafaring men on the point.

Capt. J. G. Cox said that he had read the resolutions passed at the citizens' meeting with a great deal of which he agreed. As to Mr. Lugin's suggestion that a moving ship be placed there, he did not think that it would be practicable. What was wanted was a number of lights with telegraphic service. The trails along the coast should be cleared, but the point was to prevent vessels coming ashore and this could only be done by establishing lights. He thought that the C. P. R. for their own credit sake would not allow such a boat on the run. Such a service was injurious to the trade of Victoria.

Capt. Troup explained that on the face of the agreement one would have expected that the Princess Beatrice would have all the traffic. When the service was inaugurated they expected the entire support of the shippers, but the company found that the support accorded them did not warrant the arrangement. He quoted figures in proof of this statement, but assured the board that his company would do all that was reasonable to meet the demands of the trade.

Several members instanced cases in which there was unreasonable delay in the handling of goods by the present arrangement, and contended that this was injurious to the trade of the port.

Mr. Shallcross drew attention to the fact that the Canadians were now bound to accept vessels passed in United States ports, which was not at all acceptable. The Whatcom was not a satisfactory service, and the feeling distinctly was that the Princess Beatrice should be on the route. There were numerous complaints on the subject, and he hoped the C. P. R. for their own credit sake would not allow such a boat on the run. Such a service was injurious to the trade of Victoria.

Capt. Todd complained that the C. P. R. should have taken upon themselves to make an arrangement with the Alaska Steamship Co. without consulting the merchants who had entered into the agreement.

Mr. Bullen remarked that his company had no complaint against the C. P. R.

Mr. Leiser said that was not his experience nor the experience of other shippers in Victoria.

Mr. Andrews denounced the Whatcom as a dangerous old hull that he would not like to send a friend of his on.

He did not think it fair on the part of the C. P. R. to make a change—such a disagreeable change—without consulting the shippers of Victoria.

Capt. Prior pointed out that it was a matter of dollars and cents; if the trade warranted it, the company would improve the service.

After some further discussion the motion was put and carried, and the meeting adjourned.

The savings banks of Italy contain over \$96,000,000.

In Paris the average price of pure milk is 33.5 cents a gallon.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GRAND FORKS.

Ald. Macdonald's new liquor license law is to come before the council at once and is expected to settle the license trouble now existing.

The Oro Denoro property at Sunnycamp is now making daily shipments of 250 tons of ore, 100 tons being treated by the Dominion Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood, while the remainder goes to the Grandsmelter. Owing to this big ore output more men will be added to the present force immediately. It is estimated that within two months the property will be shipping at least 300 tons per day.

the association at Hillside Intermissions.

KAMLOOPS.

Wednesday's east-bound passenger train was overtaken and run into by a freight at Thompson Siding, derailing the hind truck of the rear Pullman, but, fortunately, without causing injury to any of the passengers. Engineer Sweeney and Fireman Bain jumped from the freight engine after putting on the brakes, etc. A break in the steam pipes on the passenger caused a delay. Conductor George Risteen sent back one of the crew with a flag to post the rear. Shortly after starting up again the trouble returned, necessitating another stop, and before the flagman could be sent back the freight overtook them and ran into the Pullman. Fireman Bain received some painful but minor injuries, having unfortunately jumped into a culvert.

VANCOUVER.

A large congregation assembled in St. John's church Friday evening to participate in the services connected with the induction of Rev. A. J. MacGillivray to the pastorate. The services were conducted under the direction of the Presbytery of Westminster, and by its appointment, Rev. Mr. Gilham of the Presbyterian church, North Vancouver, preached.

At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees on Friday a communication was read from the secretary of the Victoria School Trustees, re the holding of the British Columbia Trustees' convention. The letter pointed out that the chairman of the Vancouver board is president of the convention, and upon him devolves the responsibility of calling the convention. The members of the Victoria and Westminster boards strongly urged the calling of the convention on some date before the middle of February, so that questions might be brought before the House. Trustee Ramsay moved that a communication be sent to the secretary of the convention, suggesting that the date be February 20th, and that the chairman be requested to act accordingly; also that the secretary write to the various boards asking for suggestions regarding subjects to be dealt with. The motion was agreed to.

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SERVICE RENEWED.

Shimano Maru Again in the Trans-Pacific Trade—En Route to Victoria.

E. R. Stephens, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company, has been advised of the departure from Yokohama of the Shimano Maru. She left Yokohama on the 3rd of January with 152 passengers. For Victoria the ship has 30 tons of cargo. The steamer will be followed by the Kanagawa Maru and Iyu Maru. A monthly service will be maintained until May, when the regular fortnightly schedule in force prior to the outbreak of the war between Japan and Russia will once more go into effect.

THE NEW EMPRESS.

R. Sharpe has awarded the contract for rebuilding the Fraser river mill, which was recently destroyed by fire, to Schake's Iron Works Company.

The new mill will be equipped with the latest machinery, and its capacity will be slightly more than that of the old mill. It will be constructed on modern fireproof lines, with corrugated iron roof, etc. The work on the structure is to be started at once, and the contract calls for its completion within ten weeks, so the buzz of the sawmill will again be heard on the old mill site within a very short time.

The board of school trustees has decided that there must be increased accommodation at the Central school right away, and it is the intention to have another wing of four rooms added to the brick building as quickly as possible.

Work will be started on the new building just as soon as the weather becomes favorable for building, and it is expected that it will be finished and ready for occupancy by September 1st.

The appropriation for the building has not yet been passed, but the trustees board and the city council recognize that it is an absolute necessity.

MUDWAY.

A fatal accident occurred at the camp conducted by George Chew on the construction of the V. V. & P. railway Thursday afternoon, by which one man was killed and another lost an eye.

A gang of men were engaged in clearing a piece of ground for the station yards, and some blasting was necessary.

A hole had been drilled and sprung and made ready for the powder. Seven kegs had been successfully tamped, but in pouring in the contents of the eighth keg the powder jammed in and the tamper stick could not loosen.

In order to force the powder to the bottom a heavy iron drill was used, and almost at the first blow the charge exploded.

Tom Kane was hurled fifty feet in the air and struck the ground almost a hundred feet away from where he had been working.

Men ran to his assistance, but he was instantly killed. He was terribly mangled. Dan Tobey, who was working with him, received the powder in the face and was fearfully burned; his chin being the only portion of his face not touched.

He is in terrible agony, and in the event of recovery will be totally blind.

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BALFOUR WILL RUN

For City of London—Liberal Undecided, on Question of Opposing the Former Premier.

London, Jan. 23.—At a meeting of the Conservative Association of the city of London today the resignation of A. G. Gibbs, member of parliament for the city of London, was accepted and the candidate of Arthur J. Balfour for that constituency was appointed.

The Liberal Association of the city of London also met to-day and postponed until Friday its decision whether to oppose the former Premier. Several Liberals expressed a willingness to contest the seat.

Three more Liberals and two Conservatives were returned as the result of yesterday's elections.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Miss H. Connack, A. C. Ehrman, T. Hartley, M. R. Huston, Arthur Herwick, W. W. Potts, H. Allis, J. Heck, Mrs. J. Henley, Roger S. Greene, Jr., Mrs. Irene M. Smith, Jno. M. Newell, The Hamilton, S. K. Harvie, Mrs. Harvie, S. Malcolm, J. Malcolm, F. Malcolm, Wm. Randall, Mr. Bondall, W. H. Collins, Frank Cassett, H. S. Noise, Chas. Fulton, D. Tindall, Geo. S. Kingsbury, Carlton-Osland, Victor Hyde, Nettie Heide, Nicolas Haldalima, John Cain, W. C. Drath.

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KING EDWARD.

Injury to Ankle Required Careful Treatment, but His Majesty Has Almost Entirely Recovered.

London, Jan. 23.—King Edward, who since the accident in November last, when he fractured his ankle, has been spending most of his time at country homes, will come to London to-morrow. It is learned that the injury to his ankle was more serious than reported at the time. It has required almost continuous rest and the most careful treatment, but His Majesty is now almost entirely recovered. His health is excellent otherwise. He pursued an active outdoor life as much as possible. Even while suffering from



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

PREMIER GAVE MORE
THAN DEWDNEY ASKED

Glaring Inconsistencies Shown by Oppositi—Attorney-General is Also Counsel for Sun-Life Co.

Victoria, January 29th.

The legislature spent nearly all afternoon in a discussion of the premier's bill for the disincorporation of Dewdney and the relief for the indebtedness of that municipality. The more the bill is discussed, the more objectionable it appears and the greater is the need shown for the fullest investigation by a committee into the circumstances connected with the history of the transaction. The members of the government fail to give anything like an adequate explanation of these, and only with the greatest difficulty is the opposition enabled to get the facts.

It has now been made known that the Sun Life Insurance Company, which holds the debentures, also is interested in the mortgages on many of the farms in the district. By the bill the company will be enabled to derive assistance in the first instance in lessening its payment on its lands held under mortgage, and, secondly, by getting remuneration for the debt due to it under the dyking loan. The solicitor of the Sun Life is acknowledged to be the attorney-general. The opposition to-day took serious objection to proceeding with the bill without some information. The premier was apparently just as determined that nothing should be given which would assist the legislature. His following manner stood behind the premier, however, and voted with him on every occasion as slavishly as any party ever did in the history of politics. The leader of the opposition and other speakers on his side showed up the gross injustice of the measure as opposed to the province as a whole and the majority of residents of Dewdney in particular, but the Conservative side, pledged to see the bill through in its present shape, turned a deaf ear to all argument and simply set back and voted down all proposals towards improving the bill. The premier even admitted that he gave to the people of Dewdney better than they asked. He proposes to give \$10,000 from the provincial treasury to wiping out the indebtedness when all that the people asked was the extension of the time for repaying it.

Private Bills.

Prayers were read by Rev. G. K. B. Adams.

The following private bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the railway committee:

By W. J. Bowser, a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Northern Railway Company."

By J. F. Garden, a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company."

The petition from Arnold E. Keay and others for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the municipality of North Vancouver, was received.

Returns Presented.

Hon. R. F. Green presented a return of all correspondence between any member of the government and the government agent, J. Maitland Dougall, in regard to the Victoria and Nanaimo trunk road passing through the municipality of North Cowichan.

Although "The Geisha" has been performed here on several occasions, it has not lost any of its charms, and that the audience last night appreciated the clever work of the juveniles was demonstrated by hearty applause.

To-night the company will appear in "A Runaway Girl." At to-morrow's matinee "The Gaely Girl" will be presented, and the engagement here will be brought to a close at night when "An American Millionaire" will hold the boards.

Watson's Theatre.

The Watson stock company received a hearty welcome on its return to the Watson theatre last evening, after an absence of one week.

The company made its reappearance in that most thrilling of all detective stories, "An Incident in the Life of Sherlock Holmes," and as usual a capacity house witnessed the performance.

Every member of the company seemed to enter right into the spirit of his or her part, and the result was a performance that went without a hitch.

The scenes effects are deserving special mention, and the sensational finale of the third act drew unstinted applause.

Three more performances of this excellent play will be given to-night, half-matinees on Wednesday, and the last performance on Wednesday night.

Starting on Thursday, the stirring English drama "British Born" will be presented.

Next week Manager Watson has a most interesting surprise in store for the patrons of the Watson. Details will not be made public until later in the week.

After consultation with the attorney-

general this plan was adopted and the section laid over.

The committee arose and reported progress.

Dewdney Disincorporation.

The bill for the relief and disincorporation of the municipality of Dewdney was committed, with W. G. Cameron in the chair.

John Oliver wanted evidence to show that there was the deficit represented in the municipality. It was an important matter.

Premier McBride said that the Provincial Gazette showed that the by-laws had been passed. The money for the dykes was borrowed in 1882 on the credit of the municipality. It looked as if the opposition intended to fight every inch of this bill. The legislature was not asked to do for this district what was done for other dyking districts last year. The municipality had never disputed the liability.

Mr. Oliver said although the money was borrowed in 1882, the first annual payment had not yet been paid. What was the cause of this leniency on the part of the loan company? Was it usual for companies to do this and allow fourteen years to elapse without this payment being made? This was not done in the case of Surrey, where the sheriff was put in charge.

The by-laws were never legally passed. There was no provision for a court of revision. The companies therefore had no legal claim for this money.

Premier McBride said these moneys had been paid over by the Sun Life company to the municipality. This had been done in good faith. The municipality paid only about one year's interest to the company. The municipality had never disengaged the debt or disputed the liability.

The member for Delta held that if there was any little technicality which had not been provided for, that the liability should not be acknowledged. If this were proper, then the legislation passed last year should be gone into.

Mr. Oliver showed that the premier was simply trying to attract attention from the question. When the opposition moved for a committee to go into the facts connected with this bill, the premier in refusing said that he would give the fullest information.

It would be interesting to know who were the holders of the mortgages on these Dewdney lands. He was informed it was the Sun Life and the Yorkshire Guarantee companies. These companies were therefore asking for \$10,000 to aid themselves.

It would be interesting to know also who was counsel for these companies.

Hon. Charles Wilson said he was counsel for the Sun Life.

"Perhaps the attorney-general is so hasty to be the Yorkshire Guarantee Company," said Mr. Oliver.

"No, I am not," replied the attorney-general.

Mr. Macdonald said that the argument used in support of the measures of last year with respect to the dyking legislation was that those who were interested in these lands had been saddled with too heavy liabilities through the incompetency of the servants of previous governments. The legislature was asked to give relief in view of the extravagance for which the people interested were not responsible.

This was a different thing to asking the legislature to assume the indebtedness of these people who had assumed the liabilities themselves and had never attempted to pay them off. This bill went farther than the people of Dewdney asked for.

The people of Dewdney asked the government to pay off the debts of the dykes.

Mr. Oliver said that the government was but attempting to put the people in the Dewdney district upon the same basis as the districts dealt with last year. The opposition, he said, last year attacked the aid given the settlers in the dyking districts.

Mr. Oliver said that the opposition did not attack the principle of giving relief in last year's bill. The opposition attacked the government for having discriminated in favor of the absentees as against the actual settlers.

Mr. Oliver said that the opposition might not be carried out at small cost.

Premier McBride did not know the situation in this respect. There were about two hundred yards of dyke to repair, but it would, he believed, be expensive work to carry out. More money would have to be borrowed to do this.

Mr. Haworthwaite said that considerable time had been taken up by the left wing of the government for no purpose. He held that if the contention of Mr. Oliver was right, that the companies holding the debentures had not a just claim. If that were true, then this was open to consideration.

The leader of the opposition, however, seemed to incline to the opinion that the money should be advanced to pay off this indebtedness. If this were right, then the argument of Mr. Oliver fell to the ground. Personally, he was in certain instances in favor of confiscation. He favored coming out flatly in favor of confiscation rather than by taking advantage of a technicality.

Mr. Macdonald was glad to know that Mr. Haworthwaite had found himself to be the left wing of the government.

Mr. Oliver said that Mr. Haworthwaite moved that sections 3 to 15 inclusive be struck out, which would make the appropriation of \$2,500 by the province to the municipality absolute.

Mr. Drury took a point and asked if this was in order or whether the sections would not have to be treated one at a time.

Mr. Haworthwaite took exception to what he contended were "contemptible tactics" of the opposition in connection with his amendment.

Mr. Macdonald contended that the member for Nanaimo on a point of order being raised had used language which no gentleman could use in the House should use. This was too frequent from the member for Nanaimo.

Mr. Haworthwaite said he knew as much about the rules of the House as the leader of the opposition.

The Premier also after reading out a little lecture asked the House to let the bill pass without any further opposition.

Mr. Haworthwaite then suggested that the member for Rossland should frame a set of rules intended for Sunday school.

Mr. Oliver held that the amendment was out of order.

The Premier thought the amendment was in order.

The Speaker was referred to and decided that only one section could be dealt with at a time.

The amendment of Mr. Haworthwaite was accordingly ruled out of order.

Mr. Haworthwaite then proposed to strike out section 3.

Mr. Drury wanted to know if it was proposed to make the people of Dewdney disincorporate pay the ordinary provincial taxation in addition to the extra charge under this bill.

The Premier said this was proposed.

Mr. Drury could not see how it

could be expected that people who for six years could not pay their taxes

would be expected to meet this heavy taxation now.

Mr. Paterson wanted to know why those occupying the high ground in Dewdney were to be relieved of taxation altogether for the term of six years.

J. N. Evans thought the people of Dewdney alone were responsible for this tax and the other farmers of the province should not be asked to bear it.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that it was now proposed to tax persons who had not had a voice in the imposition of the loan.

Mr. Brown thought the amendment of the member for Nanaimo would relieve the people of the highlands in Dewdney who had not had a direct vote in the placing of the loan from having to pay this increased taxation.

It was difficult to decide whether to vote for it, but only for an extension of the time for paying off the indebtedness incurred. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hawthornwaite acknowledged with thanks the reference to himself as premier. He said the only trouble about it was that it was a little premature. He aspired yet to be premier. In explanation of the question asked by the leader of the opposition, he might say that possibly the leader of the government was no so cold-blooded nor so heartless as members opposite. He perhaps, in view of this, did not care to deal so heartlessly with the farmers as the opposition would do.

It was all very well for the opposition to weep tears of sympathy as big as cricket balls for these farmers, but say you cannot have our votes. When the Point Ellice bridge accident occurred the appeal for aid was made by the city of Victoria to the legislature and a large grant made. He hoped the time would never come when the legislature would refuse its sympathy for unfortunate cases.

Mr. Oliver said the premier might have in mind much of the milk of kindness for the people of his own constituency, but there was little of the cream. He had been nine years in the house representing the constituency and only now proposed relief.

A motion that the committee rise was defeated.

Mr. Murphy strenuously objected to the section of the bill, but yet more strenuously to the amendment. The credit of British Columbia of the lower Fraser was maintained by the mining and lumber industries. Cariboo was refused a few hundreds of dollars for a trail, and yet it was proposed to give \$25,000 to Dewdney.

He moved that the committee rise. This was defeated.

Price Ellice took the point again that the motion was out of order as increasing the charges upon the treasury.

The chairman upheld this opinion, and on an appeal from it to the Speaker the latter held that the bill had been put before the House by the government and every part of it was open to amendment.

Mr. Drury pointed out that the \$25,000 granted by the province for the Point Ellice bridge was not given in the sense in which Mr. Hawthornwaite represented it. That vote was for the erection of a new bridge which had been originally put up by the province. The citizens of Victoria were paying \$35,000 for liabilities incurred by the loss of life on that occasion.

The amendment to strike out section 3 was lost and the section passed committee.

The committee rose and reported progress.

The House then adjourned.

Mr. O. G. T. MEETINGS.

Johnson read the symptoms in each patient nostrum ad,

And soon he thought he had 'em all, and had 'em awful bad.

He'd feel a crack, a pain, a pang, as he would read away.

With every ad his mind would change—

And every day he found a new ad that said all that disease,

If it were not for the coffee bean, would probably soon cease.

And never pausing to reflect that men who want to sell

A brand new notion to the "peop" don't balk at what they tell,

He started on a brisk crusade to warn each smiling friend

That coffee, if persisted in, his life would surely end.

But to his great astonishment, the folks he came across

Were looking most amazing well and his seemed all the loss.

For while they sipped their morning cup, or demi-tasse at noon,

And seemed to thrive, he grew more thin and sombre. Pretty soon,

He wondered if he wasn't wrong, and he removed the ban

When Chase & Sanborn had explained what went in every can.

And as we are, much as we think, his nightmares he forgot,

And saw them vanish in the steam from coffee piping hot.

JOHNSON'S NIGHTMARES.



of the Rising Star Juvenile Temple made a few remarks and invited both the G. C. T. and Bro. Gladstone to visit the Juveniles. This invitation was accepted by both.

The dates of their separate visits were not decided, but arrangements will be made and announced as early as possible, and two successful juvenile meetings at Victoria West are eagerly looked forward to by the members of the Rising Star and Sis. Hardy, superintendent.

Bro. Cooper, L. D., of Triumph Lodge, also addressed the meeting and gave an illustration of strength found in the Temperance Circle of Unity.

Bro. Echinson proposed, seconded by Bro. Semple, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to all visiting brothers and sisters, making special mention of the Grand Chief Templar, who had favored the lodge with an official visit, also Bros. Gladstone and Cooper, who had so ably expounded the temperance cause and its valuable effect.

The G. C. T. and Bro. Gladstone made very appropriate responses.

Bro. Robinson carries with him the fraternal wishes of the Victoria N. Lodge, which he has promised to tell wives visiting the Old Country.

Sis. Hardy, superintendent of the Rising Star Temple, expressed her pleasure in meeting with the Grand Chief Templar, who had worked with her during the past two years.

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND THE DEWDNEY DEAL

Mr. Bowser, leader of the Conservative party of Canada, has given notice that at the coming session of parliament he will move that no barrister representing a constituency shall be permitted to practise his profession before committees of the House. The object is designed to prevent members from using their official positions for the promotion of private practice, a practice which has grown to such proportions as to constitute almost a grave scandal. Hon. Charles Wilson, K.C., Attorney-General in the McBride government, publicly acknowledges that he is the collector of the Sun Life Insurance Company, which is directly interested in the measure now before the legislature for the relief of a small percentage of the taxpayers of Dewdney, the constituency of Premier McBride. This is what might truthfully be described as a "unique connection." Not that there is any implication that Mr. Wilson is using his official position for insidious purposes. He is not taking any part in the debates upon the bill for the disincorporation of the municipality. He may not have had a hand in the preparation of the bill in which his company is directly interested, although it is usual for an Attorney-General to see that such documents are prepared in proper legal form. He is a silent witness of the proceedings, even refusing to cast his vote in the interests of justice to the taxpayers of Dewdney and the bondholders he officially represents. Nevertheless we submit that the position of the Attorney-General is anomalous one, to put the case as wildly as possible. It emphasizes the necessity for an investigation into all the circumstances connected with the outrageous proposition of the government with respect to the measure alleged to be designed solely for the relief of the taxpayers of Dewdney. As a matter of fact, only a very small proportion of the people of Dewdney are directly interested in the measure. The majority of them are in a position analogous to the position of the other taxpayers of the province, who will be compelled, in proportion to their interests in the country, to make good the defalcations of the owners of the dyked lands. If there had been nothing to conceal, the government, for its own credit and in order to substantiate its position, would have welcomed an investigation and the submission of all the facts to the people.

PREMONITORY SYMPTOMS OF DISSOLUTION.

Mr. Bowser, M. P. P. for Vancouver, has announced to his constituents that the McBride government is going to vote him a quarter of a million dollars to assist in the construction of a new court house in the Terminal City. This indicates very clearly, it seems to us, that a general election is imminent, if the government can have its way. It also implies that short work is going to be made of that nebulous surplus the Finance Minister felicitates himself upon having gathered together. Twenty-five thousand dollars for the Premier's constituents and a quarter of a million for Vancouver. It is argued, ought to make six seats fairly solid for the administration. If the same proportion of expenditures be maintained throughout all the constituencies there is the slightest hope of carrying amendments will indeed be made for the policy of starving public works which is responsible for the alleged healthy condition of the treasury. The public will await with a good deal of curiosity the submission to the House of the estimates. Ample provision has apparently been made for the safety of the seats of the majority of the ministers. Hon. R. F. Green has been painted by one of his admirers as a master of the political arts. He will take care that Kaslo shall have no reason for dissatisfaction with its representative. Hon. F. J. Fulton is not such a shining light in the day government firmament as his notable inland colleague, but he has doubtless sufficient influence to secure for Kamloops its fair proportion of the contemplated lavish expenditures. Then there remains also the case of the Socialist wing of the government party to consider. The leader has been almost from the beginning of the term of the present legislature a most shrewd supporter of the McBride government and a virulent opponent of the opposition. We cannot believe that the only reward in store for the member for Nanaimo and his followers is the contemplation of the puerile legislation which they have been mainly instrumental in having enacted in the confessed belief that the more miserable that can be done and the more widespread the dissatisfaction with existing political and social conditions the better for the Socialist cause. That is all very fine as an abstract statement of the Socialist position and as a concrete excuse for the support which has enabled the government to evade the sentence imposed upon it at the

general elections. But we submit there is an understanding that something more substantial shall be forthcoming previous to election day. The government calls itself a Liberal-Conservative institution. In reality it is a Socialist-Conservative concern, and doubtless there will be action tending to the consolidation of the union. For example, if Conservatives were nominated in constituencies where Socialist candidates were in the field, that would imply base ingratitude on the part of the head of the combination. The Premier has the reputation of being a faithful ally, and in conformity with his fame in this respect we may look for a straight fight between those who are opposed in principle to the government and the motley and outwardly antagonistic elements which are behind it unless circumstances should indicate the wisdom of the allies appearing to act independently. But what must the honest and candid friends of the administration, for whom not much can be left after the leaders are provided for, think of the unique arrangement? It is the most extraordinary spectacle that has ever been presented in the name of Conservatism. To those who are more interested in the unfolding of a programme of party tactics than in the future well-being of a province the event of dissolution will be looked forward to with a considerable degree of curiosity.

President Castro of Venezuela is a most noble bluffer. The bold face he has presented to France indicates unmistakably that he has had some experience of the grand American game of poker. However, we fear Mr. Castro will have to come down. He cannot seriously mean to defy France even to the point of war. He has no friends. President Roosevelt's Big Stick is evidently not going to be brandished on his behalf. The Latin republics may do to each other and to themselves what seemeth good in their own eyes, but in their relations with their neighbors they must behave in a seemly manner. The American nation is on too good terms with all the world to uphold their rudeness.

The Colonist confesses that it spoke in ignorance in commenting upon the case of the Valencia and acknowledges that its attempt to create an agitation is dictated solely by political animus. We can tell our contemporaries that there is no prospect of a Dominion election, and that long before an appeal can be taken to the people the actions of the government and of the representatives of this constituency will have been fully justified in the eyes of the public.

Why are the Socialists in the legislature so bitter against the Dominion government? Are these Hawthornwaite outbursts merely exhibitions of play in justification of the alliance which has been so valuable to Premier McBride? Are they intended to delude sincere Socialists in regard to the real relationship between the Premier and the most ardent of his supporters, the member for Nanaimo?

THE LOSS OF THE VALENCIA.
Tale of the lost. A hundred shivering souls have pass'd
To join the myriads who cross'd the gulf before.
And add unto the wound humanity hath madd.
Another thought to gall the cankered sore!
And yet, in peace, each one of us doth slumber.
And shakes the shame of each and all away.
Nor dreams what mighty of lives our souls encumber.

In that we fail'd our duty to assay.
Sleep then in peace. Or mark the land with streaks of rust.
And strive for gold, or build a monument of stone.
To selfish glory. Age will crumble all to dust.
And God adjudge the dust doth not alone.
Oh! if the one we hold to the nearest, Should clutch and cry ere beaten on the rocks.
In vain to cheer with "God in love hath all the dearest."
Oursevles to scorn the saying merely mocks.

Mark then the Coast. How sad the news to those who mourn
And wait with aching hearts the wanderers' return.

To learn, at last, that they are left alone to toil.
And duty done, there'd be no hearts to burn.
Ah! Count the cost and blame no one who's perished.
But mark the rocks and shoals for men to shun.
And fearless answer God, that thou hast cherished.
And e'en forgot thyself to aid a suffering one.

FOUR LIVES LOST.

In Railway Collision in Montana Number of People Also Reported Injured

(Associated Press)

Spokane, Jan. 20.—The Great Northern Orient Limited, No. 1, westbound, and passenger train No. 2, eastbound, collided head-on one mile west of Columbia Falls, Mont., last night. A fireman on each train was killed and conductor Quinn was badly injured. A great many others were injured.

Another Report.

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 20.—Division Superintendent O'Neill, of the Great Northern, has gone to the scene of the wreck from White Fish with a wrecking train and physicians. At least four lives were lost. Both locomotives were turned completely over and piled up many feet from the rails.

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What Other People Think**THE CASE OF THE SALVOR.**

To the Editor of the Colonist:—Your editorial of last Sunday regarding the steamer Salvor is so mixed with misapprehension of facts and statement of political inferences, that I have felt it my duty to acquaint you with the facts.

In view of the tension and natural indignation in the community existing as a result of the deplorable loss of life in connection with the wreck of the Valencia, it is only fair that you should correct any misapprehension that you have created as a result of your article based upon incomplete information.

With the political inference I have nothing to do, but with the other part of your article, the company, of which I am secretary, has. To begin with, it was owing to the fact that the steamer Williamette, wrecked in British Columbia waters on Denman Island, about five years ago, was salved by an American firm and taken to Seattle for repair, that attention was attracted to the lack of a salvage service in British Columbia. The sum spent upon repairs upon the Williamette was \$100,000, all of which would have been distributed among artizans of British Columbia, if there had been a salvage service available here at the time.

A few business men in Victoria and Vancouver then formed a salvage company in order to try and prevent similar occurrences. A small steamer was acquired by the company and fitted as a salvage vessel, with a necessary and expensive equipment. The steamer was held for that purpose until last year, but was inadequate for the service. The Canadian government last year offered a bonus of \$10,000 per annum for a suitable steamer and plant for salvage purposes. In order that you may properly appreciate the requirement of the Canadian government, I append a copy of the specifications upon which tenders were called for and received.

The British Columbia Salvage Company made a tender under the advertised specifications, and the contract was awarded to it. The company having purchased and equipped the steamer Salvor for that service, which she was considered a most suitable vessel for the service, notwithstanding her age, as the late owners having spent a large sum of money on her hull, practically rebuilding her bottom, leaving the hull almost as good as new. The salvage company after that equipped the steamer with centrifugal pumps, portable boilers, diving gear, air compressor and all outfit usual for salvage operations. The Salvor has ever since been held for services of that character only, and under the contract with the government can be used for no other purpose.

You apparently confuse a salvage steamer with a lifeboat. The steamer Salvor has three steel lifeboats attached as a part of her gear. But a lifeboat service proper consists of one or more small boats incapable of rendering assistance to a steamer in distress or of relieving her of any of her cargo, whereas a salvage steamer is specially equipped for that purpose and for placing pumps and boilers on board a disabled vessel.

The first consideration of either service is life, but salvage craft as distinct from a lifeboat aims at saving life, ship and cargo; a lifeboat life without reference to ship or cargo. The reward for services rendered increases with the number of lives saved, so that monetary reasons as well as common humanity dictate that every effort should be made in the endeavor to save human life.

Within two and a half hours after

SPECIFICATIONS OF WRECKAGE AND SALVAGE PLANT FOR COASTAL WATERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

A suitable steamer will be required with hull and machinery in good condition. The tonnage of the steamer should be stated and all her equipment specified apart from the wrecking plant. The wrecking plant should be stipulated, the number and size of centrifugal pumps, number of diving suits, diving outfit and divers' derricks, mooring anchors and cables, the quantity of flexible steam hose, mats for stopping leaks and other wrecking supplies, air compressors, air locks. If compressed air system is to be used, steel derricks will be required for lifting.

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J. A. MACDONALD ASKS AN INQUIRY

INTO ALL DEALINGS

FOR KAIEN ISLAND

Select Committee is Proposed by Leader of Opposition—Other Notices of Motion.

Unless the government deliberately burks an inquiry the Kaien Island land grant with its previous history will be fully investigated by a select committee of the legislature.

J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, has given notice that on Wednesday next he will move as follows: "That a select committee consisting of five members of this House—Messrs. Macgowan, Ross, Manson, Munro and the author—is appointed to inquire into all matters pertaining to the acquisition, or attempted acquisition, by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, or by any other person or persons or bodies corporate, of crown lands in the vicinity of Tucks Inlet, Kaien Island, and other islands and on the mainland in the vicinity of Kaien Island, with power to summon witnesses, call for papers, documents, letters, telegrams and records, and to take evidence under oath, and produce the prints of said evidence for the use of the royal navy, and leave the whole of that burden to be borne by the Mother Country, yet there are amongst us many who desire to show that they are most grateful for the presence of His Majesty's ships in these waters."

SYDNEY A. ROBERTS.

56 Belcher street, Victoria, B. C.
January 29th, 1906.

The government adopted an unusual

court in making this grant. The province it is felt is entitled to the fullest information, and the inquiry applied for affords the opening for this. The committee if appointed will be able to serve the people of the province. In bringing out information about which there is a demand throughout the country.

Among other notices of motion given is one by John Houston, who on Wednesday next will move:

"That an order of this House be granted for a return of all correspondence between any member of the government, employee of the lands and works department, member of the legislative assembly, manager of a chartered bank, C. F. Wainmey, W. E. C. Koch and others, in regard to timber leases on Little Slocan river, Little Slocan lake and Slocan river, in West Kootenay district, between the 21st May, 1906, and the 29th of January, 1906."

W. Davidson, on Wednesday next will move:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the government and the New Denver Waterworks Company, and any other person, in connection with the water record granted to said company in 1896."

Jas. Murphy, on Wednesday next will ask the following questions of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

"1. Is it the intention of the government to provide for repairs to the trail from Quesnel to Nacho, with a view to rendering it passable as a sleigh road?"

"2. Is it the intention of the government to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Fraser river at or near the town of Quesnel?"

"3. Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for the construction of a bridge across the North Fork, Quesnel river, before high water in April next on the Quesnel Forks-Kelthley Creek trail?"

"4. Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for the completion of the sleigh road from Quesnel Forks to Kelthley creek next summer?"

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PIANO**

Which will be heard for the first time at the concert Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Arion Club.

Mrs. Jean Templar will deliver her lecture, "A Trip Through Palestine," in St. Luke's school room, Cedar Hill, on Friday night, was well attended. The rector occupied the chair, and the lecture was preceded by the singing of the "Old Hallelujah" and by prayer. Mr. Grundy spoke first of the New Year's custom, commanding the laudable desire of the Chinese to begin the New Year free from debt, and alluding to the absence of drunkenness amongst them at such times. He referred to the culture of mulberry leaves; to the beautiful carvings of the Chinese; to their exquisite embroideries done by men; and finally he pictured the missionary's voyage from Canton along the West river, with his method of work amongst the heathen and native Christians. The lecture was greatly appreciated, and Mr. Grundy was asked to give another lecture later. Refreshments were served by the girls of the Sunday school, assisted by some of their elders, and the evening was spent a most enjoyable one.

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B. W. Williams & Co., the Yates St. Clothiers and Hatters are contemplating extensive alterations and improvements to the interior of their outfitting establishment.

Twenty-eight more semi-ready wardrobes will be added to the thirty which were installed last season as the phenomenal success of semi-ready garments in Victoria makes more wardrobe space imperative. These fifty-eight wardrobes will have a capacity of holding one thousand dozen hundred and forty semi-ready suits, overcoats and raincoats, and when the new spring shipments arrive they will be taxed to the utmost, as Messrs. B. Williams & Co.'s spring purchases in this line have been very extensive. The big sale which is at present being held by B. Williams & Co. will be continued a few days longer as there is still several thousand dollars' worth of high class clothing and furnishings to be sold. The new wardrobes and fixtures will be installed about February 15th, and by this date Messrs. B. Williams & Co. expect to have sold out their entire stock of boys' clothing and furnishings (as they intend retiring from the boys' outfitting business) and also the over-plus of stock in the hat, clothing and underwear departments.

To make it interesting for cash purchasers, bigger bargains than ever will be offered this week as the stock must be reduced to make room for the new spring shipments now on the way.

Following are a few of the bargains which will be offered this week:

Fancy vests at half-price; boys' 3-piece suits at less than half price; boys' and youths' Norfolk suits and extra knickerbockers at \$2.65 per suit. All wool Scotch underwear at 80c. per garment, worth \$1.25; heavy all wool socks, 15c. per pair, worth 25c.; men's and youths' knickerbockers in Scotch tweeds, \$1.50 per pair, worth \$3 to \$4.50. All raincoats, overcoats and suits reduced to sale prices for cash, etc. etc. Don't miss this!

NATIVE SONS DANCE.

All Who Attend Are Assured of an Enjoyable Time—Music Receiving Special Attention.

The Native Sons' dance to be given

next Friday in the Assembly rooms promises to be one of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the season. Special

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an entirely new principle, so that the

best possible effect may be given to the

displaying of color designs which is one

of the prettiest features of a ball.

The supper will be served on the buffet

plan which has met with such favor in

Eastern centres. It is contemplated to

open the supper room at 10 o'clock and

continue the service to the close of the

dance. Much attention will be shown

to those who do not care to dance, and

special attention has been made for their

entertainment.

The music promises to be particularly

enjoyable. Care has been exercised by

engaging the services of the best musi-

cians whom it is possible to secure. The

orchestra will be perfectly balanced by

twelve instruments, conducted by the

well known artist, Hugo Schmidt, Mus.

Mac., who has been retained to come to

Victoria to direct the music. A place has

been given on the programme of dances to

the new two-step, "The Canadian Girl," written and composed by Herbert

Lester, a composition which is concealed

on patriotic lines and is very inspiring.

It is proposed to provide a feast of music

by giving encores freely, while the ex-

tras will be played by an additional or-

chestra.

The Native Sons hope that this year's

dance from every standpoint will eclipse

all their former efforts in that direction,

and judging from the outfit that has

been made, and the care that has been

devoted to satisfying their expectations will

no doubt be realized. The cars will run

to all points after the dance. Tickets may

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MANITOBA'S IN CAPITAL CITY

(Continued from page 1.)

pleasure, as it may help our readers to know the quality of the veteran pioneer from Manitoba who has come to make his home among us.

A Real Old Manitoba Farmer.

Farming in this great Northwest is a medley, a wonder and a mystery. We find gentlemen in holy orders and variety store men, ex-captains and ex-carpenters, all rushing in to compete with the regular practitioners from Canada and England in the growing of corn and cattle. Most wonderful of all, perhaps, are the big farm companies, limited. Limited enough certainly in the financial returns made to their much-confiding shareholders, but quite unlimited in their success on paper—the day before the battle.

"The man I am about to put on the stand is not by any means wonderful. He does not masquerade in top boots and pants wonderfully tailored, of the best English cord-and-buckskin, he is not interviewed at the Queen's or the Legion, and he has not, so far as I know, been advertised all over Europe for his agricultural achievements. But he is not the least to be made a note of as I hope by and by to show. I find no end of old settlers everywhere, men who have been six, seven, and even nine years in the country, and doing their best to make it a home for themselves and their families.

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SECRET CONTRACT AGAIN DISCUSSED

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Aldermen Ask For More Time to Consider it—To Clean Up Chinatown.

The old familiar secret agreement between the city and British Columbia Electric Railway Company, with reference to a water supply, received another airing at the meeting of the city council last night. It was brought up on motion of Ald. Fullerton, who proposed its cancellation. His Worship wished to call attention to the fact that by granting the request for wrought iron pipe when a cast iron pipe is required by law, established a precedent.

Ald. Yates thought the request called for more than a difference in the quality of pipe. In his opinion a difference in the system was intended which was entirely another matter.

Ald. Stewart said that he went into the subject very thoroughly last year, and he thought that they would be no change in the system.

His Worship called attention to a case wherein he himself had to comply with the by-law last year.

Ald. Lewis Hall favored granting the request, and suggested that for an up-to-date system the council should always provide.

His Worship thought a committee should be appointed to look into the plumbing by-laws. The city was pretty well tied up on the question of plumbing. He did not want to make any accusation, however. In Toronto the Plumbing Association's doings had been investigated, and he would like to know what the conditions are here.

The request was granted, and the streets, sewers and bridges committee was appointed to look into the plumbing by-laws.

The next clause in the report calling for an expenditure of \$60 on improving Menzies street was adopted.

The city solicitor reported that in the recent case in the police court wherein the hock by-law was brought into question, he did not think that the magistrate gave a reasonable interpretation of the by-law. He therefore suggested that the discussion be appealed to a higher court.

Ald. Yates said he knew of a couple of cases wherein the police magistrate had upset the city by-laws. He moved that the city solicitor confer with the city barrister as to an appeal.

Ald. Fullerton's motion calling for the cancellation of the secret agreement of November 24th, 1904, between the city and tramway company was taken up.

Ald. Fell said that there was never any good reason advanced why this agreement should be cancelled. The Esquimalt Waterworks Company were opposing it, and that was a pretty good reason why the agreement was a good one. For the benefit of those not having heard discussion on this matter, Ald. Fell entered into a lengthy explanation of the contract. The rate-payers, he contended, should be allowed the opportunity to say whether the agreement was a good one.

Ald. Stewart was opposed to an appeal. He knew of some who were waiting on just such action as was proposed to get an advantage.

Ald. Yates' motion was eventually adopted.

The city solicitor reported that the corporation had no power to make a refund to the Boomerang on their liquor licence.

Received and filed a copy of the same to be sent to Mr. Marr.

The sanitary officer reported on the bad condition of the buildings on the premises bounded by Douglas, Broughton, Broad and Fort Street, and recommended that the alleys ways be laid in cement in order to keep the place clean.

The report was received and filed, and the matter of dilapidated buildings was on motion of Ald. Fell referred to the sanitary officer to take steps to have them condemned if the same are condemnable.

Arthur Barnard and five other residents of Church Hill called attention to the bad state of Burdette avenue, and asked for its improvements. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$8,211. Adopted.

The fire warden reported as follows:

1. Fire Protection in James Bay District.—Your committee desire to call the attention of the council to the necessity of more adequate fire protection in this district consequent on the erection of large buildings, in the shape of hotel, factories, docks, etc., and would recommend that a sum of \$3,000 be placed in the estimate for the erection of a brick fire hall. This proposal would necessitate an addition to the staff of one engineer and one foreman, it being intended to have one of the fire engines placed in this hall, always in readiness to attend fires in this district and the central portion of the city.

2. Fire Protection Old Men's Home, etc.—We would call the attention of the council to the lack of fire protection at the new home and fair buildings, through the want of adequate mains. We also report that there is need for larger mains and more hydrants in the district between Moss street and Dallas road. These

matters we would recommend to the consideration of the water committee and water commissioner.

3. Fire Protection in Esquimalt District.—Your committee having been interviewed by a representative deputation from this district, in reference to enlargement of the hall, additional protection and lease of ground for hall, would recommend as follows:

That the hall be enlarged at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.

That a stand pipe be erected at the hall, at a cost of \$25.

That the city enter into a five years' lease with Mr. W. Clarke for ground rent of the land upon which the hall is built, at a yearly rental of \$50.

4. Uniforms.—Having given this subject our careful consideration, we are of the opinion that we have a permanent uniform, that there should be a system of uniforms in the service. At present at fires, unless the members of the department are personally acquainted with the police, whose duties it is to exercise a watch over premises where fires may occur, they are unable to distinguish between firemen and others, which may work a detriment to the efficiency of the service. We would recommend that a sum of \$400 for uniforms be included in the estimates.

5. Purchase of Horses.—Your committee find that it is necessary to purchase at once a new team of horses. A farmer at Ladner has offered a team for sale to the department for \$200, which is a reasonable price if they are as described.

We would recommend that the team be purchased, subject to the inspection and approval of the veterinary surgeon Dr. Hamilton. By disposing of the oldest team in the service there would be a probable asset of \$300.

Ald. Stewart thought that the recommendations contained in the report call for an expenditure of four or five thousand dollars. He moved that the report be laid on the table until the estimates come down, at least all but that section referring to the purchase of a team of horses, which, on Ald. Vincent's suggestion, he said should be dealt with at once.

Ald. Yates wanted to know if there was only one team for sale. He believed that many good horses could be procured in Seattle if farmers only knew the city wanted a team. He therefore moved that the city purchasing agent call for tenders for purchasing a team of horses.

This was approved.

On motion of Ald. Fullerton necessary improvements to the Oakland fire hall will be made.

A portion of the report was laid on the table.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee next submitted a report on street repairs. The report was adopted.

In connection with this report His Worship said he wished to make the suggestion that street repair work be done when there is enough moisture for the material used to pack down. When it is laid in dry weather it is kicked over the roads and is a nuisance to bicyclists and teamsters.

His Worship considered the present favorable time for street work, as there were many men out of employment.

Ald. Fullerton's motion calling for the cancellation of the secret agreement of November 24th, 1904, between the city and tramway company was taken up.

Ald. Fell said that there was never any good reason advanced why this agreement should be cancelled. The Esquimalt Waterworks Company were opposing it, and that was a pretty good reason why the agreement was a good one.

Ald. Stewart said that he had the matter very costly to overcome. I am of opinion, however, that nothing can be done during the wet season, and would therefore recommend the matter be laid over.

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Petition from F. E. Pemberton and others, asking that the deep ditch on Foul Bay road be improved by laying a pipe or box therein. Upon examination of the drain in question, I find the same in bad condition, considering the large quantity of water to be carried off in that direction, together with small grade, makes the matter very costly to overcome. I am of opinion, however, that nothing can be done during the wet season, and would therefore recommend the matter be laid over.

Petition from M. Y. Wheeler and others, asking that a permanent sidewalk be laid on the east side of Richmond avenue from Oak Bay avenue to Cadboro Bay road. After looking into this matter, I would respectfully recommend the request be granted. Estimated cost, \$12.

Communication from T. R. Smith, complaining of gas coming from the large surface drain on Cook street. I may say this matter has been dealt with in the annual report, and I trust will receive the attention of the council in the near future.

Petition from W. West and others, asking that a sidewalk be laid on Davie street. After looking into the matter, the city carpenter reports and recommends the construction of the same. Estimated cost, \$67.

Communication from J. R. Robinson, again asking that a sidewalk be laid on Cedar Hill road from Lansdowne road, in northwesterly direction. After looking into this matter, I would recommend the request be granted. Estimated cost, \$12.

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Communication from A. Mulcahy, calling attention to the condition of Menzies street in the vicinity of the drill hall. Upon examination of this locality, I find the same in bad condition. I would therefore recommend the sum of \$50 be voted to be expended on the street in question.

Re Durham system of plumbing for C. P. R. Hotel. Herewith please find report of the plumbing inspector, with reference to this matter. I shall be pleased to have the approval of council, so that the necessary permit can be issued without delay.

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Re Durham system of Plumbing for C. P. R. Hotel.

Dear Sir:—In reference to the communication from F. M. Ratcliffe, architect, regarding the above matter, would say that I can see no reason why the request should not be granted, providing that the arrangements other than the quality of pipe and fittings be strictly adhered to. The Durham system is simply the use of wrought iron galvanized, recessed pipe and fittings instead of

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Northbound, Leave.	Daily, Southbound.	Arrive.	Northbound, Leave.	Arrive.	Southbound, Leave.
	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
Victoria	9.00	12.06	Victoria	3.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46	Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncans	11.00	10.02	Duncans	5.00	5.00
Chemainus	11.32	9.30	Chemainus	5.32	4.17
Ladysmith	11.02	9.10	Ladysmith	5.00	4.00
Nanaimo	12.35	8.20	Nanaimo	6.42	5.15
Ar. Wellington	12.03	8.00	Ar. Wellington	6.55	5.00

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